

REMARKS

The Examiner has withdrawn the restriction requirement made on November 8, 2006 and offers a new restriction requirement.

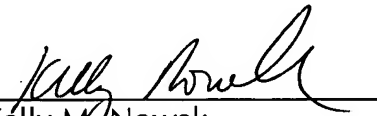
In response thereto, applicant elects Group I, claims 1-16, drawn to a method of forming solder joints. This claim group is further restricted to the following species:

- la. Claims 2 and 10 drawn to a first lead free composition;
- lb. Claims 3 and 11 drawn to a second lead free composition;
- lc. Claims 4, 5, 12, 13 drawn to a lead containing solder;
- ld. Claims 6, 7, 14 drawn to a temperature range;
- le. Claims 8 and 15 drawn to a configuration having no distinct regions;
- lf. Claim 16 drawn to a configuration of substantially oblate ellipsoid shape.

Applicant elects the species of Group le, claims 8 and 15, for continued examination.

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement and an action on the merits of all the claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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